HONOR AWARDS RECIPIENT FOR 2004 Plow and Honor Awards

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Enhancing Protection and Safety of the Nation's Agriculture and Food Supply

Canadian Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Response Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Peter J. Fernandez, Group Leader

For outstanding response to the bovine spongiform encephalitis occurrence in Canada by providing science-based risk mitigations to protect United States livestock and international trade.

Group Members:

W. Ron DeHaven, Lisa Ferguson, Stephen M. Hall, Karen James-Preston, Daniel P. Kaczmarski, Donna Malloy, Terry Morris, Christopher Robinson, Howard Wetzel

Office of the General Counsel Group Members:

Nancy Bryson, John Golden, Shelia Novak, Thomas Walsh

Foreign Agricultural Service Group Members:

Katherine Nishiura, Kathleen Waino

Food Safety and Inspection Service Group Members:

Daniel L. Englejohn, Walter S. Hafner, Ricky L. Harries, William O. James, Delila R. Parham, Kenneth E. Petersen, John C. Prucha

Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Transition Planning Group, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Richard L. Dunkle, Group Leader

For leadership, vision, and planning that supported a seamless transition and preserved the mission of safeguarding America's agriculture and natural resources during the Department of Homeland Security's reorganization.

Group Members:

Jane Levy, Thomas Chanelli, Kevin Shea, William Wallace, Karen Benham, Thomas Valenti, Jane Berkow, Jeffrey Grode, Paul Eggert, Charles Schwalbe, Paul Henstridge, John Payne, James Reynolds, Jerry Fowler, Vic Harabin, Patricia Douglass, Jerry Levitt,

Michael Shannon, Anthony Nakamura, Terrance McGovern, Helene Wright, Lee Ann Thomas, Terri Burrell, William Wade, Erich Rudyj

Department of Homeland Security Group Members:

Kevin Harriger, Phillip Garcia, Mary Neal, Lucinda Riley, Dianne Vlasik, Glenn Hinsdale, Michael Wright, James Smith, Michael Oraze

Exotic Newcastle Disease Eradication Project, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Andrea M. Morgan, Group Leader

For completing the successful eradication of this disease in California, Nevada, Texas, and Arizona, resulting in the resumption of trade of United States poultry and poultry products.

Group Members:

Joseph F. Annelli, Dwayne T. Blain, Fred G. Bourgeois, Richard Breitmeyer, Bonnie Buntain, Margaret A. Burns, Linda E. Carey Terry W. Clark, Randall L. Crom, Mark L. Davidson, Jere L. Dick, Lisa A. Ferguson, Judy A. Garrison, Beth E. Gaston, Hortentia D. Harris, Rick Herndon, Jan D. Huber, Randall L. Levings, Brian J. McCluskey, Roxanne C. Mullaney, Janice Peterson, Wanda E. Schmidt, Beverly J. Schmitt, Dennis A. Senne, Jack A. Shere, Amy R. Spillman, Carol A. Tuszynski, Paul O. Ugstad, Sherrilyn Wainwright, Rich Wands

Federal Register Notice Rule Change and Implementation Group, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland

Rebecca Bech, Group Leader

For actions taken to better regulate the field testing of pharmaceutical and industrial plants, to ensure the safety of the food supply, protect agriculture and environment, and maintain confidence in the regulatory system.

Group Members:

Susan Koehler, John Turner, Margaret Jones, Carmen L. Soileau, David Heron, Virgil Meier, John, Cordts, Shirley Ingebritsen, Cindy Smith, Julie Marquis, Kenneth Waters, Cindy Howard, Stephen O'Neil, Arnold Foudin, Ralph Stoaks, Scott Wood, David Bennett, Chuck Chenoweth, Linda Lightle, James L. White, Robert I. Rose, Elaine R. Gilbert, Bruce MacBryde

Office of the General Counsel Group Members:

Thomas Walsh, Sheila Novak, Richard Herndon

Protecting and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resource Base and Environment

Airport Training Committee, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Morris Plains, New Jersey and New Market, Maryland

Janet L. Bucknall, Alton Dunaway, Group Leaders

For designing and conducting training to certify Wildlife Services biologists who protect human lives by managing wildlife hazards to aviation at over 500 airports nationwide.

Group Members:

Jessica Fantinato, Richard A. Dolbeer, Kirk Gustad, Thomas Hall, Michael Linnell, Kevin Sullivan, Eugene LeBoeuf

Department of Transportation Group Member:

Edward C. Cleary

Heroism and Emergency Response

Preclearance Programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland

David R. Reeves, Group Leader

For providing program support and agriculture advisors to United States Military forces in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar) to prevent accidental pest introductions into the United States.

Group Members:

Evelia Sosa, Stanley Cornelius, Monique Gibbs, Robert Nave, Tyrone Hamilton, Joseph Morales, Ronald Tsunezumi, William Aley, Jesse Underwood, William Justis, Stephanie Shepherd

Ralstonia Incident Response Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland

Matthew Royer, Group Leader

For rapidly detecting, identifying, and eradicating Ralstonia solanaceatum race 3 biovar 2 from vegetable and floriculture industries and preventing further entry into the United States.

Group Members:

David T. Kaplan, Laurene E. Levy, Joel P. Floyd, James V. Writer, Renee M. Devries-Patterson, Wayne P. Claus, Gerald Wheeler, Lynn Evans-Goldner, William C. Crowe, Cassie C. Armiger, Meghan K. Thomas, Gary W. Roush, Gary W. Simon, Dennis L. Heltzel, Vessela A. Mavrodieve, Raul A. Ruiz, Joann M. Cruse, Vedpal S. Malik, William

E. Thomas, Deana L. Chapa, Heather M. McCue, William M. Newton, Lloyd E. Garcia, Dana E. DeWeese, Russell A. McKinney, Heather A. Quintanella, Robery D. Meinders, Clifford F. Smith, Sandra L. Friedman, Roxanne E. Garza, Leon K. Bunce

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Group Member:

Robert D. Waltz

North Carolina State University Group Member:

Carmen Bierman

Wildlife Services Hurricane Isabel Relief Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Annapolis, Maryland

Stephen R. Kendrot, Group Leader

For bravery and selflessness to volunteer services, utilizing Government-owned boats and equipment to execute rescue missions for victims of Hurricane Isabel in Maryland.

Group Members:

Brian L. VanNieuwenhuyzen, Wade G. Jones, Matthew G. Lumley